(d) The Government will try and build a national consensus in case it decides to implement the scheme in the entire country.

Distinguishing Bangladesh migrants

4389. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to distinguish between Indian citizens and the illegal Bangladeshi migrants on the basis of separate identity cards and a pilot project for such door-to-door verification is already in progress; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including restrictions proposed, if any, relating to the right to vote, movement in the country, drawing benefits available under the PDS, etc., and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government proposes to prepare a National Register of Indian Citizens and issue Multipurpose National Identity Cards to the citizens of the country. Keeping in view the complexities involved, a Pilot Project has been undertaken on an experimental basis in a few selected sub-districts of 12 States and one Union Territory. Since the issuance of Identity Cards to non-citizens has both administrative and legal implications, the Government is engaged in intra and inter-Ministerial consultations regarding the desirability and feasibility of issuing such Cards to the non-citizens. No final decision on the issue has so far been taken by the Government.

Smuggling of Contrabands

4390. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that smuggling of contrabands such as opium is taking place along the Afghanistan, Pakistan route;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of consignments of heroin were seized in India in recent months;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what preventive measures are being taken to check this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the period November, 2004 to March, 2005, 49.734 Kg. of heroin was seized in nine cases and seventeen persons were arrested.

(d) The following measures have been taken to check illicit drug trafficking:—

(i) Strict surveillance and enforcement at import point and the land borders.

(ii) Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes.

(iii) Exchange of information on traffickers during border meetings between BSF and Rangers of Pakistan.

(iv) Developing intelligence on traffickers smuggling drugs across Indo-Pak border in coordination with other agencies.

(v) Regular bi-annual meeting with Anti Narcotics Force of Pakistan and exchange of intelligence relating to drug trafficking.

Cases of Sexual Harassment Against Top Bureaucrats

4391. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the top bureacrats in Government have been accused of sexual harassment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken against such bureaucrats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.